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## **PHOENIX FELON SENTENCED TO OVER 8 YEARS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

PHOENIX. – Steven C. Hartley, aka “Skeeter,” 42, of Phoenix, was sentenced here to 100 months prison by U.S. District Judge Mary H. Murguia. Hartley pleaded guilty on June 2, 2005 to three counts of Felon in Possession of a Firearm and one count of Possession of Stolen Firearms.

Phoenix Police Department Detectives and Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office Deputies found Hartley in possession of a total of 10 firearms and 120 rounds of 7.62 x 39mm ammunition. At least two of the firearms had been stolen from their owners in the Phoenix area. Hartley had been previously convicted of four felonies including Robbery and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

Hartley’s latest arrest was part of ATF’s Project Arrow, a program which pro-actively targets individuals with prior violent criminal convictions, including the use of firearms. Project Arrow is a component of Project Safe Neighborhood’s gun crime reduction program, a partnership among federal, state, and local law enforcement whose goal is to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Phoenix Police Department, the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office and ATF. The prosecution was handled by Michael Lee, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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